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Public Hearings Scheduled for WPSC Rate Increase

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public hearings on October 12th, in Madison and Green Bay, on Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's (WPSC) request to increase electric and natural gas service rates.

When a utility requests a change in rates, the PSC conducts a thorough audit of the utility's expenses and revenues. The agency will look at the amount WPSC needs to provide a reliable source of energy to customers, which includes costs for maintenance, new construction, environmental protection, fuel and employee wages.

Public testimony is also considered by the Commission when it determines the amount of money the utility needs to prudently provide reliable utility service and will set a maximum rate of return that the utility can provide to investors.

Citizens are invited to attend the public hearings and provide testimony on WPSC's rate request. All testimony will be included in the record which the Commission will review as it prepares to make a decision. The PSC also accepts written comments at the public hearings, through mail or electronically through the website at: <http://psc.wi.gov/>. The hearings are set to begin:

**Wednesday, October 12th
1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Public Service Commission
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, 1st floor
610 N. Whitney Way
Madison, WI**

**Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
2740 West Mason Street
Room DO301
Green Bay, WI**

The hearing locations are accessible to people with wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Mary McIlwee at 608-267-7915.

Documents associated with WPSC's application, can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 6690-UR-117.

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